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COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

To: Senator Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
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 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Deborah Simpson, Senate Chair *DS*
 Representative Stephen Beaudette, House Chair *SRB*
 Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

DATE: June 5, 2009

RE: **Priorities for bills on Appropriations Table**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 314(7), we are reporting our committee's priorities for final passage of bills reported out of our committee that are now on the Appropriations Table. The Committee is unanimous in its priorities for bills with a cost.

1. **LD 1428**, An Act Regarding the Pay of Tribal Representatives, sponsored by Senator Bliss.
2. **LD 1145**, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Time Frame for Towns To Certify Citizen Initiative and People's Veto Signatures, sponsored by Representative Strang Burgess.

A majority of the Committee would also like to recommend that if **LD 473**, An Act To Suspend the Cost-of-living Adjustment for Legislators' Salaries for the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, sponsored by Senator Raye, reaches the Appropriations Table, it also be removed from the Table. This bill was amended by a majority of the Committee so that any COLAs for legislators' salaries for the first regular session of the 125th Legislature would be suspended. This is not a unanimous recommendation. The majority of the Committee believes that a portion of the savings from LD 473 should be used to fund the pay of tribal representatives.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
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